collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Dual Price Policy on Fertilizers

1558. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modify the dual price policy on fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). No such decision has been taken so far. However, the Scheme is being reviewed.

Impact of Fish Production on Economy

1559. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study to assess the fish production on the economy;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production of fish?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). No impact assessment study, as such, has been conducted. However, a number of sectoral/micro level studies on various aspects such as Present constraints and future prospects in fisheries, evaluation of Fish Farmers Development Agencies programme, fisheries cooperatives in India, fishing harbour projects etc. have been conducted which also cover impact of fisheries development on the Indian economy.

(c) Steps taken to increase fish production include, stepping up area under culture and productivity under the Fish Farmers Development Agency Scheme from 2.7 lakh hectares to 4.0 lakh hectares and 1895 Kg/hect./annum to 2500 Kg/hect/annum by 1996-97 respectively encouraging construction of new ponds and use of areators and fish feeds in aquaculture, motorisation of traditional craft, introduction of off shore pelagic fishing craft, reduction of post harvest losses through infrastructural facilities at the fishing harbours and landing centres, establishing ice plants, cold storages and retail marketing facilities in inland sector etc.

[*English*]

Fish Landing Centre at Surje Kote

1560. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of fish landing centre at Surje Kote in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted techno-economic report on development of Anandwadi project in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Fish Landing Centre at Surje Kote was sanctioned by Government of India in March 1990 at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.00 lakhs.